



# ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## **SB 1270: reauthorization; county transportation excise tax**

**PRIME SPONSOR:** Senator Worsley, LD 25

**BILL STATUS:** [Ways & Means](#)

### **Legend:**

M&O – Maintenance and Operations

TPT – Transaction Privilege Tax

Amendments – **BOLD** and ~~Stricken~~ (Committee)

### **Abstract**

Relating to county transportation excise tax.

### **Provisions**

1. Permits a county with a population of at least 1.2 million people to reauthorize a county transportation excise tax for a term of 10 to 20 years at least 6, but not more than 62, months before the expiration of the tax upon approval by the qualified electors of the county. (Sec. 1)
2. Instructs the county board of supervisors to distribute a publicity pamphlet to the qualified electors of the county that includes the tax rate, the term of the tax, projected revenues and other specified information. (Sec. 1)
3. Requires that the tax be proposed to the voters on a regularly scheduled countywide general election day in a manner as nearly as practicable as prescribed for a general election. (Sec. 1)
4. Subjects the reauthorized tax to the same restrictions and requirements as the existing tax. (Sec. 1)
5. Makes technical and conforming changes. (Sec. 1)

### **Current Law**

[A.R.S. § 42-6105](#) allows a county with a population of at least 1.2 million people to levy a county transportation excise tax upon approval of the qualified electors of the county. The tax is to be levied at a rate of not more than 10% of the state TPT rate (currently 5%). The revenues are distributed based on the regional transportation plan, which provides funding for freeways and state highways, arterial streets and intersections and general M&O needs. The levy must be in effect for a term of twenty years.

### **Additional Info**

Currently, Maricopa county is the only county in the state that meets the population threshold of 1.2 million people. In 2004, the voters in Maricopa county authorized a .5% county transportation excise tax that will expire December 31, 2025.

☐ Prop 105 (45 votes)

☐ Prop 108 (40 votes)

☐ Emergency (40 votes)

☐ Fiscal Note